

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The lineage and honors of the 109th Engineer Group can be traced back prior to statehood; and,

Whereas, The 109th Engineer Group has answered the call to federal service during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom; and,

Whereas, The 109th Engineer Group has supported security operations across the state of South Dakota to include airport security, Camp Rapid security, Mount Rushmore security and supporting state and local police forces at the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally; and,

Whereas, The 109th Engineer Group has taken the lead in providing recovery efforts following natural disasters, including fire fighting, blizzards and flood relief and tornado response in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The units of the 109th Engineer Group have positively impacted the lives of not only South Dakotans, but also citizens of other states and foreign countries throughout the world; and,

Whereas, The units of the 109th Engineer Group continue to support the communities that are home to their units; and,

Whereas, The 109th Engineer Group has been a source of pride to all who have served among its ranks; and,

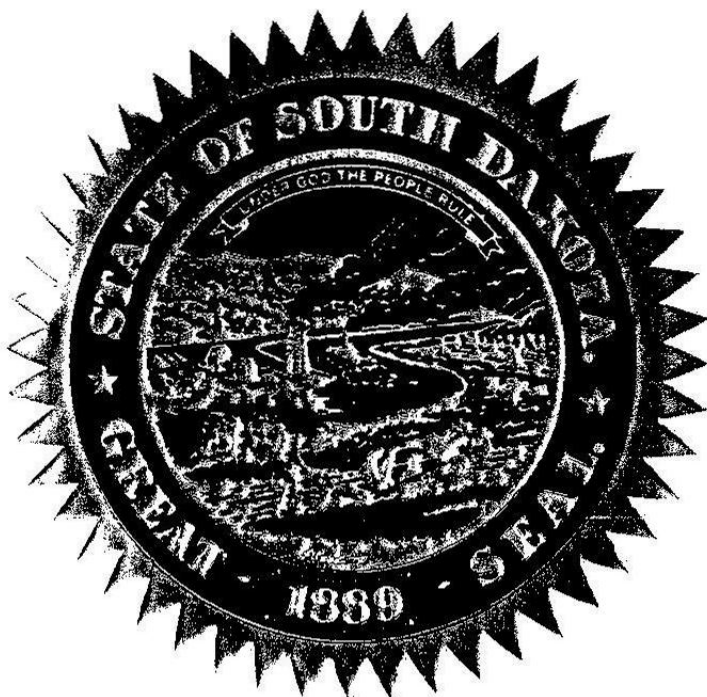
Whereas, The distinguished legacy of the 109th Engineer Group will continue with honor in the great state of South Dakota in its new capacity as the 109th Regional Support Group; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to honor the 109th Engineer Group and all who have served among its ranks for over 50 years:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2007, as

109TH ENGINEER GROUP DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State